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AND A METHOD FOR)
COMBINING SHEETS)

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Each of the the two documents cited in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application WO 2004/054914 A1 is listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

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DE 41 28 797 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,303,909.

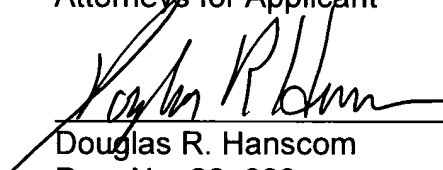
De 101 06 985 does not appear to have a corresponding English language equivalent or abstract. It appears to show a former 37 with two subsequent cutting and folding blade cylinder assemblies. It appears that webs enter these two cylinder assemblies both from the former 37 and also from a unit on the right in the sole drawing figure.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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